

MAITREYA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

We had an exciting 1st quarter of 2018! Please take a few minutes, as we reflect on the highlights of this quarter:

Heart Sutra Choir:

Our Heart Sutra Choir had the opportunity to perform again this year. We were invited to perform at the Global Shanti - Amaravati Buddhist Heritage Festival in the South of India. As usual, our team had an excellent performance, and we are most thankful for the opportunity we had.

In addition to this, this year, we again had the most fortunate opportunity to perform, for 3 consecutive days, in the presence of H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama during his teachings in Bodhgaya. No words to describe how thankful we are for this opportunity.



Choir performing at Global Shanti Festival



Choir with H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama in Bodhgaya

Visited by Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Ling Rinpoche:

We had the biggest pleasure of welcoming the FPMT Spiritual Director, Lama Zopa Rinpoche to our school, together with Ling Rinpoche and other guests.

They visited our school and gave a brief talk, praising the performance we did in front of H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama and advising us how important it is to understand the sutras which we are reciting.

They also discussed the importance of studying. We are most thankful for their precious time and energy shared with us. May they have long, healthy lives and may we have the blessed opportunity of having them over at our school again in the future.



Lama Zopa and Ling Rinpoche at our school

Yoga Sessions with volunteers:

We had two Root Institute volunteers who spent time with us, sharing their yoga skills. Our children absolutely loved the sessions, and the big smiles on their faces confirmed this. A big THANK YOU to Jennifer and Annie for spending time with us. For anyone interested in volunteering, please look at our volunteer page: <https://www.rootinstitute.ngo/you-can-help/volunteer>



Jennifer preparing for a yoga session



Richard Gere at our school

Meeting with Richard Gere:

We had the pleasure of welcoming Richard Gere to our school. Richard attended a meeting at our school, where we invited the YMCA, Rotary Club and other social organizations to create awareness on the importance of community and social service and collaborating in order to make positive changes in our community.

To conclude, we would like to thank everyone who made it possible to experience all of this, especially our sponsors and donors who support us. Without you, we would not have been able to do any of this.

To anyone interested in contributing towards our school, please have a look at our donation page: <https://fpmt.org/support/rootinstitute/donate/>

Alternatively, we have an Amazon wish list which we frequently update with items needed: <http://amzn.in/imtIQJP>

Thank you for reading our letter 😊

Wishing all our friends a peaceful and prosperous 2018 – the 9 months we have left.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,
MAITREYA SCHOOL